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on the way towards RIO
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*«Go and make disciples of all nations!»
(cfr. Mt 28, 19)*

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BIBLICAL REFLECTION - 2 «As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world» (Jn 17,18)

We should always keep in mind that the parting point of the mission is in God. In fact we read that Paul and Barnabas were «sent by the Holy Spirit» (Acts 13,4). The final initiative and the ultimate aim is his: «Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.» (Jn 17,3). Our mission in the world is simply to carry out that mission which Jesus himself received from his Father (cf. Jn 20,21: «As the Father has sent me, I also send you»), and this is a commitment which is part of a greater plan, conceived and conducted by God, by the God of Jesus Christ (cf. Jn 6,29): «This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he sent»).

Therefore, this is not an attempt to give international commercial exposure to a product, but it means offering all men a dimension in life which goes well beyond a simple strategy of exporting. It means making God's love known to all men, or rather how much God has historically loved us in Jesus Christ and how much this love is unending, since «nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord» (Rom 8,39).

THE EXPERIENCE OF FAITH AND MISSION of Lucila – young of CA in Argentina

Today as always, day after day, Christians should be guided by this quotation from the Gospel.

My today is Argentina, a very beautiful and vast country in South America, inhabited by immigrants and children of immigrants.

In my country, "all the peoples" flow together. My life is spent mixing with all these people and is characterized by the way of life, which is the call to "sanctity", proposed by Catholic Action, the association to which I have belonged since I was eleven years old.

Bearing in mind these two factors, day after day, I manage to face my daily situations from another point of view.

My family, my friends, my fellow workmates, my neighbours and even the people whom I do not know and simply meet in the street, are my all my brothers in Christ and I have to pass on to them my way of living in the Risen Christ. I keep in mind that I should accompany them in their journey towards sanctity.

This is far from being an easy task. In fact, at times, my daily commitments and the weariness, which I feel as an active young person living in today's world, make me forget that which is most important in life.

Christ is the most important: I meet Him in every Communion, in every prayer and in every service, big or small, which I give to others. This helps in establishing the Kingdom of God and in bringing him nearer to all men and better known by all.

BLESSED ADILIO DARONCH Friend of Christ!



Biography

Born in October 1908 in Dona Francisca, of a family of modest conditions in an isolated town in the interior of Brazil. From his childhood he loved to pray and to help in the Masses. At 16, he was killed along with Fr. Manuel Gomez Gonzalez, through the work of some revolutionaries who met on the road during a trip to visit distant Christian communities. We invoke him for his strong friendship with Christ!

Prayer

That with the example of your virtues, we may be received among the friends of Christ, in this life and the life that is to come! Amen.

<http://www.rio2013.com/en/world-youth-day/patrons-and-intercessors>

We believe in a Father, who creates and sustains: to begin with, our trust is based mainly on our origin; it is not so much and solely a distant origin, the origin of all that exists and lives (obviously, even this). But above all, it means believing that the origin from where I, and my life, come is an origin which gives us a guarantee and does not let us get lost or fall. The fatherly image is effective. Without falling into false sentimentalism, in our culture, the "father" is he who shoulders everything, who facilitates growth and regulates it, who has a special place for each of his children, who makes fraternity possible because he ensures that each and everyone has all that he needs.

Today it is difficult to take this imagery as our measure because our real life experience of fatherhood is somewhat ambiguous and difficult to make out. Today, the father's role is being redefined because there are unknown fathers and having a father or being a father sometimes seems an impossible mission.

We believe in God the Father, the Father of Jesus Christ, He, who cared for Him and raised Him up from the dead, dead as He was, and making us all brethren. We believe in God the Father, who with His providence takes care of us and of the world and makes sure no one is lost. We believe in God the Father who willed that there be life and that it has a place, a world, time and a history to ensure that it flourishes and becomes fully itself.

We believe in God the Father and, once we have the guarantee of our origin, we need not fear the future.

"...so that, as sons in the Son, we can cry out in the Spirit: Abba, Father!"
Gaudium et Spes 22

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/youth/index_en.htm